ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a distribution system for distributing
contents (procedures or data) to a plurality of
clients, there are provided a novel distribution
system, distribution method, and program product
therefor, by which the load on the parent server
or the network connected with the parent server
can be alleviated and automatic changeover of the
distributing server in accordance with fluctuating
distribution requests and alleviation of the load
on the distribution system manager and users can
be achieved. In a distribution system having a
parent server 1 and a plurality of child servers 2,
these being arranged to be capable of connection
with a plurality of clients 3 through
communication circuits, the parent server 1
selects a child server 2 that holds the contents
whose distribution is requested and that is
closest to a client 3 originating a distribution
request by using the received position information
of client 3 and identification information of the
contents and communicates to the client 3
originating the distribution request, so that the
selected child server 2 distributes the contents
whose distribution is requested in response to the
request from the client 3 originating the

distribution request.

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